

Remarks.

Claim 4 is canceled.

Claims 1, 26 and 27 are amended.

Claims 1, 2, 5-12, 19-24 and 26-37 will be pending upon entry of this Amendment.

Claims 1, 26, 27 and 28 are independent.

Claims 1, 26 and 27 are amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 4.

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 28-37 are allowed, and that claims 4-12, 19 and 21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are otherwise allowable.

Claims 1, 2, 20, 25 (*sic*) and 26 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Omatsu, et al., U.S. published app. No. 2003/0097959.

Claims 22-24 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Omatsu.

Claim 27 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Omatsu.

As the limitations of claim 4 are now incorporated into claims 1, 26 and 27, all rejections are addressed and are overcome.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the present rejections.

Applicants submit that the present claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

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